

New Quay (Cards.) Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1941.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Population—Census 1911 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Population—Census 1921 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Population—Census 1931 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Population Estimated 1941 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of inhabited Houses 1941 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...



			Total	Male	Female	
Live Births {	Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	} Birth Rate per 1000 estimated resident population mid 1941 :
	Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...
Still-births {	Legitimate ...	...	...	...	...	} Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births :
	Illegitimate ...	...	...	...	...
Deaths ...	...	...	...	...	...	Death Rate per 1000 estimated average population :
Deaths from Puerperal Causes {	Puerperal Sepsis ...	...	...	1	...	} Rate per 1000 total (live and still) Births :
	Other Puerperal Causes ...	...	...	0	...	
			Total ...	1		

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1000 live births :

Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births :

Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births :

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) : Three, all females.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) : None.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : None.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : None.

Heart Disease was again the principal cause of death.

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(i.) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY :

One whole-time Medical Officer of Health.

One Sanitary Inspector, who also acts for the Urban and Rural Districts of Aberayron.

One whole-time Surveyor.

(ii.) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES are made use of when necessary.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES—in normal times. None.

(c) HOME NURSING : We have one District Nurse—fully qualified and most able. There is no Nurse available for Infectious Diseases.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES : There is one for Evacuees. Expectant mothers are visited, examined and advised or treated by their own Doctors or Nurse.

Veneral Diseases are treated, if necessary, at Swansea, under the County Scheme.

(e) HOSPITALS : None within the Area.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER : The supply is excellent. It was analysed during the year.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE : Very satisfactory.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS : There are a few brooks. No pollution.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION :

Number of Closets connected to Sewerage system ...	...	...	...	...	...	391
Number of Closets draining to Cess-pools or Septic Tanks ...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Number of Pail Closets and Earth Closets ...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Number of conversions from Pail Closets to Water Closets during the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Pail Closets within the range of the Sewers, not connected ...	...	...	...	...	...	8
New Houses completed with Water Closets ...	...	...	...	...	...	0

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	0
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :	
Number of Defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	0
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :	
A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV., OVERCROWDING :

There always has been some overcrowding during August, but last year, between private and official evacuees, it was common. The most glaring instance is that of the Evacuee Hostel, and the conditions there have been the subject of correspondence with the Welsh Board of Health, but, so far, without result. If the responsible persons in Cardiff had to put up with what the Nursing and Household Staff went through last winter I think something would be done, and that quickly.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- a. MILK SUPPLY : Most of the Milk comes in from outside the Area. There are two purveyors of milk within the Area, and six from outside. Milk is being constantly examined.
- b. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. There are no slaughter-houses within the Area. There are two Meat Shops and six Meat retailing Carts serving the Area, and these are duly inspected by the Inspector.
- c. ADULTERATION, etc. : No action necessary.
- d. CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD : None necessary.
- e. NUTRITION : The County M.O.H., who is an authority, has been giving lectures.
- f. SHELL-FISH (MOLLUSCAN) : Hardly any.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

1. The following cases were notified during the year: Scarlet Fever, 3; Whooping Cough, 4; Diphtheria, 1; Measles, 27; Puerperal Pyrexia, 1.
Almost all pre-school and school children have been immunized against diphtheria. It has not been reported that serum was used for prophylaxis or attenuation of Measles. There was no case of Pneumonia. We are still without an Isolation Hospital.
2. TUBERCULOSIS : Not one case was notified.
One case, a female aged 58, died of ? Tuberculosis ? Carcinoma of Lung.

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